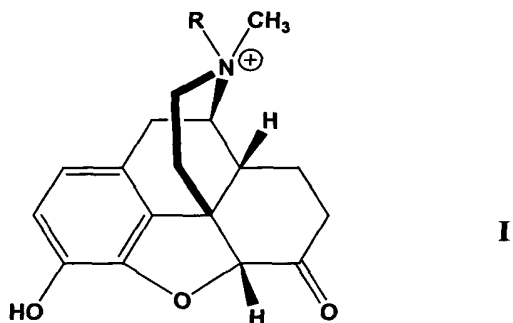


N-SUBSTITUTED HYDROMORPHONES AND THE USE THEREOF

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to N-substituted hydromorphones of Formula I:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein R is C₁₋₆ alkyl. These compounds act as μ opioid receptor agonists. The invention is also directed to the use of compounds of Formula I for the treatment, prevention or amelioration of both acute and chronic pain.